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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR
PRODUCING ELONGATE SUPPORT,
ELEMENT AND PRODUCT, AND USE OF
THE SUPPORT ELEMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004 (Paper No. 10), finally rejecting claims 11-19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.